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The C R U E L M A S S A C R E


Of the PROTESTANTS, in

North America;

Shewing how the French and Indians
join together to scalp the English, and
the manner of their Scalping, &c. &c.



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WE think good to let the Country know, that it could not be avoided, though all means were used abroad and at home to bring the Enemy to terms of peace, to no purpose, were forced to declare War for the safety of our Settlements in AMERICA, and our Lives and Liberties at home. Also an account of the Massacre committed by the Indians there, who destroy Men, Women and Children.

WHEREAS some people think much at the charge of the present War, and the additional Taxes, it is therefore thought proper to let them know the reasons and occasions of it. The French endeavouring to sieze on our Settlements AMERICA and the West Indies, tho' all proper means were used to bring them to a firm and settled peace to no purpose; but taking into alliance a Heathen People called INDIANS, contrary to the Laws of all Nations. They are the original Inhabitants of AMERICA, and they are glad of the opportunity

nity of the aid and assistance of the French to revenge themselves of the English; therefore they have no Mercy to Man, Woman, or Child, but put all to the Sword, wherever they come killing and scalping them, fleaing the Skin and Hair from their head, and every one of these they carry to the French, they give them as a reward 40 shillings a piece. Many Huudreds of poor Families have been murdered, and others forced to fly, and to leave all behind them to save their lives. We hope that Lord John Murrey, Colonel of the Highland Regiment, will stop their proceedings as soon as they receive the reinforcement, destined for that purpose. The Highland corps has destroyed Numbers of the Indians, and served them as they served the Inhabitants. So His Majesty had very good reason to declare War against FRANCE.

His Majesty's Declaring of War against the French King, after Reciting the unwarrantable proceedings of the French in the West-Indies and North-America, since the conclusion of the Treaty of Aix la chappelle, and the usurpations and encroachments made by them, upon our territories in those parts, which have been

been so notorious and frequent, that they cannot but be looked upon as a sufficient Evidence of a former design and resolution in that Court, to pursue invariably such measures as should most effectually promote their ambitious Views, without any regard to their most solemn treaties and engagements, their repairing & enlarging the Fortifications of *Dunkirk*, marching great Bodies of Troops down to the coast, and threatening us with an Invasion ; sets forth, *that in order to prevent the execution of these Designs, and to provide for the security of his Kingdom, thus threatened His Majesty could no longer forbear giving Orders, for the seizing at Sea, the Ships of the French King and his Subjects. Notwithstanding which, as he was still unwilling to give up all hopes, that an Accommodation might be effected,*

he had contented himself hitherto with detaining the said Ships, and preserving them as far as possible their Cargoes intire, without proceeding to the confiscation of them, but it being now evident by the hostile Invasion, actually made by the French King of the Island of *Minorca*, that it is the determined resolution of that Court, to hearken to no terms of Peace, but to carry on the War, which has been long begun on their part with the utmost violence: His Majesty can no longer remain consistently with what he owes to his subjects within these bounds, which from a desire of Peace, he had hitherto observed. His MAJESTY has therefore thought proper to declare War, & does hereby declare War against the FRENCH King, relying on the help of Almighty God, in his undertaking, and being

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assured of the hearty concurrence of his subjects, in support of so good a cause, hereby Requiring his Captain General of his Forces, his Commissioners for executing the Office of his high Admiral of Great-Britain, his Lieutenants of several Counties, Governors of his Forts and Garrisons, and all other Officers and Soldiers under them by Sea and Land, to execute all hostility against the French King, his Vassels and subjects, and to oppose their Attempts, willing & requiring all his subjects to take Notice of the same when His Majesty henceforth strictly forbids to hold any communication with the said French King, or send or cause to be sent any men, Horse, Arms, Powder, or Ball, Wheat or Flour, or any other contraband Goods whatsoever, we have given Orders to all ships of our Navy to fetch and seize at Sea, all such Ships, be of what

what Country they will, and to take them as lawful prize.

This America is called a fourth part of the World; tho' no Man know the breadth or length of it nor dare they go to see. It is a desert Wilderness of wilds and Forests. These Indians are between a black and a tawney swathy people, Heathens that know not God: The Country was taken from them in Queen Elizabeth's time, and in some other Princes time since; they go naked only a piece of Skin before them; there is four Kingdoms of them that borders on the English settlements; their Kings were a plume of feathers on their heads of all sorts of wild birds, with necklaces of fine shells about their necks and wrists; they live in these Forests upon fish, fowl and wild beasts, but neither plow nor sow; the French have taken these Heathens into Alliance; and finds them arms and ammunition; and all things necessary to destroy the English; and they are glad of the opportunity, which they never had before to revenge themselves of the English for taking the Country from them. The French make bolts and send them to shoot those. Many Hundreds of poor families they have murdered in *America* since the War begun. They give no Quarters to Men; Women or Children; many Hundreds of poor Inhabitants are fled over to them to save their lives
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and left all behind them. Their King allows them Six-pence a day for Men and Women; and five pence a day for Children; till they see if they can drive out the French and Indians out of their habitations, to send them home again. This Affair was not taken in time, if we had sent a strong army at First they had been sooner drove out, but now they are strongly Fortified. These Indians lie on their back or sides, and fire as quick as we can on our feet.

Colonel Fraiser's Highland Regiment, called the Highland Watch, that behaved so nobly in Flanders, got in amongst the Indians. Sword in hand cut them to pieces, but most of them are killed since. Col. Fraiser has sent for 2000 more Highlanders, as no good with the Indians can be done without them. we are in good hopes of good News from them this Summer.

I know Hobson to be a brave Man,
I know He'll do what he can.

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